

(Rephast:) Masa
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1928.

My dear Mr. Masa:

Mrs. Coolidge asks me to thank you for
your thoughtfulness in sending her the
photographs which are very interesting.

Assuring you of her appreciation of
your courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours

Mary Randolph
Secretary.

Mr. George Masa,
12 Church Street,
Asheville,
North Carolina.



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Portion of a
"Preliminary sketch of a map
of the
Mountains of Western Nth Carolina
from the observations
of

Prof. A. Guyot

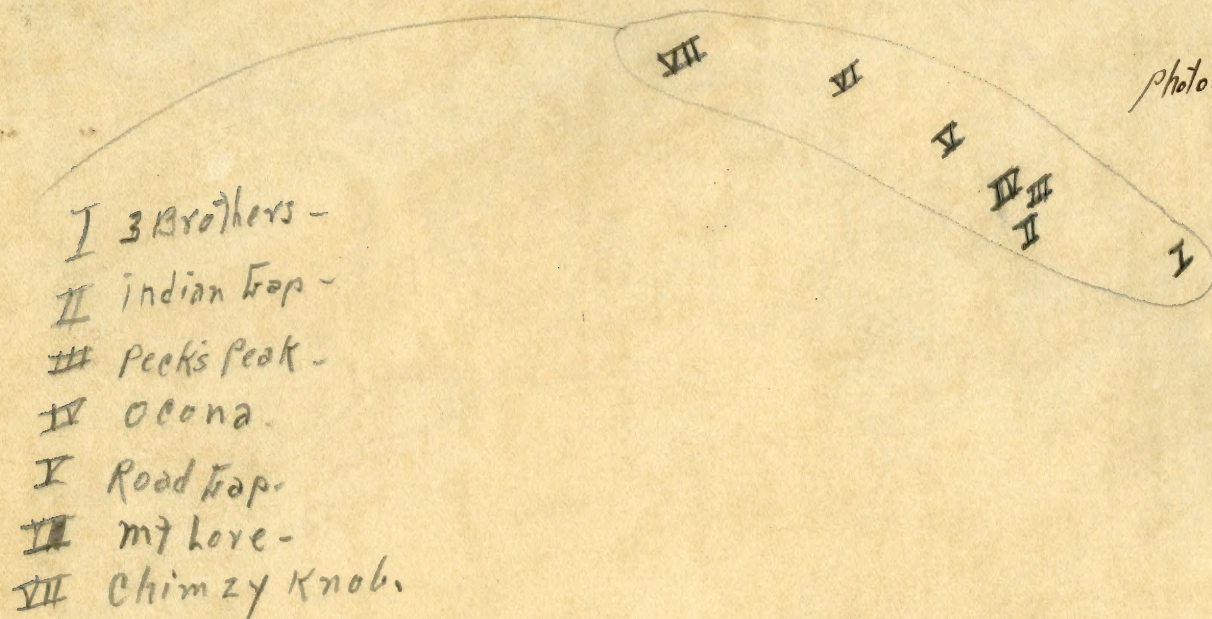
drawn under his directions by F. Sandoz.

June 1861

The heights are expressed in English feet above tide-water

The final value may differ a few feet "

Scale Miles = 1 inch.



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1929

NOTES, ON GUYOT'S MAP OF THE
GREAT SMOKY MTS.
RRO.

This is but a portion, enlarged, of Guyot's Map of the Mts. of Western N. Carolina. A Photostatic copy of the entire map may be had ~~x~~ if desired.

A SYNONYMY OF PLACE NAMES.

(Subject to change.)

Three Brothers	Head of Hughes Ridge. (central peak)	5,907 Feet.
Laurel Peak	Laurel Top.	5,992 "
Peck's Peak	Mt. Collins	6,232 "
Ocona Mt.	2nd., lower, or southern, peak of Collins ?	6,135 "
Right hand Gap.....	New Found Gap	5,096 "
Road Gap.	Indian Gap	5,271 "
Mt. Collins	Mt. Kephart (?)	6,188 "
Mt. Love	(a peak, lower, and nearer Indian Gap, could be Collins) (first, or North peak of Clingman?)	6,643 "
Clingman's Dome.....	(second, or S. peak of Clingman's (?)	6,660 "
Mt. Buckley	(?)	6,599 "
Chimzy Knob	Double Spring Knob (?)	5,588."
Big Stone Mt.....	Siler's Bald.	5,614 "
Forney Ridge Peak....	High Rocks (?)	5,087 "

(The above list offers only my suggestions, of course. Any material relative to the identification of the peaks named by Guyot will be appreciated.)

Especial attention is called to the route of the old road over the Smokies. Guyot places it just S. of Laurel Top. (Porter's Gap X)

Guyot shows "Indian Gap" (?) to be just N.E. of Collins, or Peck's Peak. "Doc" Conners knows of a herd of horses being led across Smoky somewhere in that section in the Civil War. Could that have been Porter's Gap?

(Copied) Masa ncm

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THE POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

WASHINGTON

D. C.

January 3, 1929.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

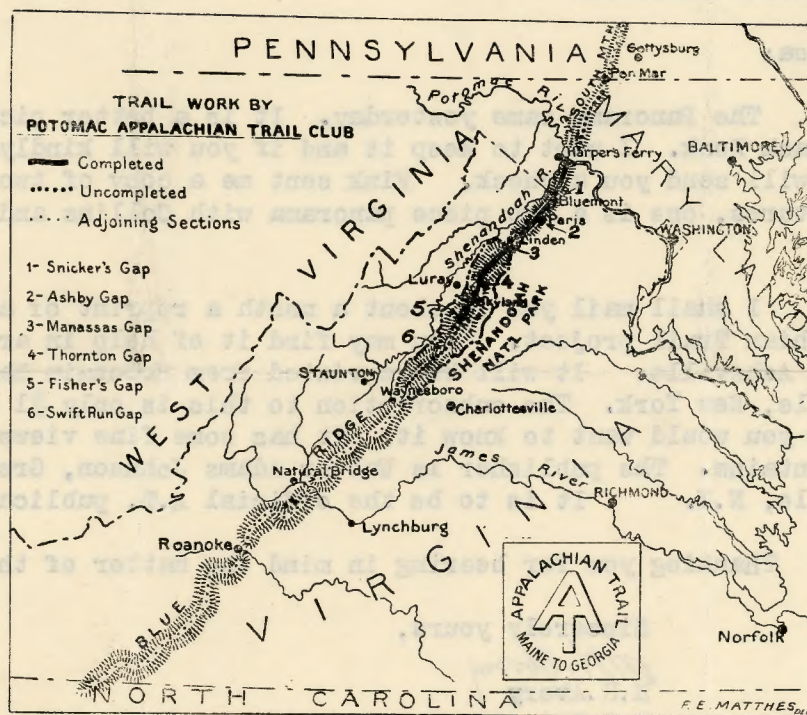
The Panorama came yesterday. It is a better picture than the one from Black Rock. I want to keep it and if you will kindly tell me the cost I will send you a check. Fink sent me a copy of two other of your pictures, one is a two piece panorama with Collins and LeConte.

I shall mail you in about a month a reprint of an article on the Appalachian Trail project. You may find it of help in arousing interest in Asheville. It will be reprinted from Mountain Magazine, Pleasantville, New York. The subscription to this is only \$1 a year and I think you would want to know it. It has some fine views of western mountains. The publisher is Walter Adams Johnson, Great Oak Lane, Pleasantville, N.Y. It is to be the official A.T. publication.

Thanking you for bearing in mind the matter of the panorama.

Sincerely yours,

M.H. Avery
M.H. Avery
U.S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.



(Kephart) Masa NC MC
PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

January 5th, 1929.

Dear Mr. Masa,

First thing, I am enclosing my check for \$6.75, covering the pictures sent me under date of Dec. 30th. I should have done this several days ago, but have had my hands so full of a number of things that it has been neglected. The pictures have been forwarded to a number of my friends, mountain lovers all, who are well enough acquainted with that country to appreciate their excellence.

Friday I had a letter from Kephart, suggesting that you and he drive over next Saturday and that Jim Thompson meet you here Sunday. Immediately I 'phoned Thompson, and found that the date and place were agreeable with him. I have written Kep to this effect, so will be expecting you Saturday afternoon. Kep said that he planned to bring Roy Ozmer along, also. Then there are some friends here that are interested, so I feel sure we will have a most enjoyable meeting.

With best regards, and pleasant anticipation of meeting you in person, I am,

Truly,

Paul M Fink

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Appalachian Trail Conference

Undertaking the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia

May 24, 1929.

Mr. Horace Kephart,
Bryson City, Maryland.

My dear Sir:

I am enclosing you a draft of the minutes of the Appalachian Trail Conference which was held at Easton, Pa. last week, in which I hope you will be interested.

It was a very interesting meeting, and I am sure increased enthusiasm for the project considerably.

I am also enclosing a photograph of the map of the Trail referred to in the minutes and a copy of the Constitution as adopted.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Perkins

Chairman.

AP:L

*This letter was misdirected Maryland
and has just come back. I am sorry
for the delay. J.P.*

(K. G. Hart) M. A. H. C. M. C.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Record of Annual Meeting

Easton, Pennsylvania
May 10th and 11th, 1929.

In accordance with the foregoing notice, the annual meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference was called to order at 8:30 Friday evening, May 10th, 1929, with an attendance of about fifty, at Brainard Hall, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, the meeting being held there by invitation of the Lafayette College Outing Club and the Blue Mountain Club of Pennsylvania.

Arthur Perkins, Acting Chairman of the Conference, presided at the meeting, and as the Secretary of the Conference was unable to be present, he also recorded.

An address of welcome was delivered by Dr. William Mather Lewis, President of Lafayette College, followed by an address by Benton MacKaye on the "Origin and Conception of the Appalachian Trail".

This was followed by a report on the present condition of the Trail by the Chairman, illustrated by a map showing the route of the Trail from Maine to Georgia, and the parts of it on which trails have already been completed. The map showed that the entire Trail was approximately thirteen hundred miles long, and that trails actually existed over more than half of this distance. The Speaker stated that the longest break of about one hundred miles was in southern Virginia, where work has not yet been organized, but that work was being done on other uncompleted parts of the Trail and that good progress will be made this season.

A report on the Trail in Maryland and Virginia was made by Myron H. Avery, President of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club of Washington, D.C.; and Dr. H. F. Rentschler, Secretary of the Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club of Reading, reported on the Trail in eastern Pennsylvania.

Major W. A. Welch, General Manager of the Palisades Interstate Park, and Colonel Henry M. Shoemaker, President of the Pennsylvania Alpine Club, who were on the program, were unable to be present.

The meeting adjourned about ten o'clock.

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A business meeting of the Conference was held in Brainard Hall on May 11th at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, the following members being present:

Arthur Perkins

of the Appalachian Mountain Club and the
New England Trail Conference;

Eugene C. Bingham

of The Blue Mountain Club of Pennsylvania;

Murray H. Stevens

of the New York Chapter of the Appalachian
Mountain Club;

Myron H. Avery, Harold C. Anderson, Anna R. Wilson,
Katherine A. Erwin and Kathryn A. Fulkerson,
of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club of
Washington, D.C.;

William J. Cooper and H. Beam Piper

of the Blair County Chapter of the Alpine
Club of Pennsylvania;

Dr. H. F. Rentschler and William F. Shanaman

of the Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club
of Reading, Pa.;

Raymond H. Torrey of the New York Chapter of the Green
Mountain Club;

Frank Place of the Tramp and Trail Club of New York;

P. F. Remer of the Catskill Hiking Club of New York;

Mortimer Bishop of the Fresh Air Club of New York;

C. P. Wilson of the New Jersey Department of Conservation
and Development;

A. M. Turner, Field Secretary of the Connecticut State
Park and Forest Commission;

J. Bruce Byall, Benton MacKaye, Marion E. Lapp and
A. V. Parker.

Mr. Perkins again acted as Chairman of the meeting, and also recorded the business transacted in the absence of the secretary.

A resume was given of the minutes of the last meeting of the Conference held in Washington, D.C. May 19th, 1928 at which committees on constitution and organization, on trail markers and on finance, were appointed.

Mr. Perkins, reporting for the committee on constitution and organization, laid before the meeting a printed draft of a proposed constitution which was read at length, and discussed section by section. After a number of amendments had been adopted, it was

VOTED: That the form of constitution presented to the meeting, as amended, be adopted as the constitution of The Appalachian Trail Conference.

The Constitution thus adopted is attached to the record of this meeting.

The Chairman then stated that the following organizations and individuals in charge of trails, together constituting practically all of the Appalachian Trail, had agreed to become members of the Conference:

Major William A. Welch, General Manager Palisades Interstate Park;
Major Robert Y. Stuart, Chief U. S. Forest Service;
Horace Albright, Director National Park Service;
Neil S. Violette, Forest Commissioner, State of Maine;
The Appalachian Mountain Club;
James E. Scott, Supervisor White Mountain National Forest;
The Dartmouth Outing Club;
The Green Mountain Club;
The Berkshire Hills Trail Committee;
The Connecticut Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club;
Austin Hawes, State Forester of Connecticut;
The New York Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club;
The New York Section of the Green Mountain Club;
The Tramp and Trail Club of New York;
The Paterson Ramblers;
The Blue Mountain Club of Pennsylvania;
The Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club;
The Alpine Club of Pennsylvania;
Archibald E. Rupp of the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry;
F. W. Besley, State Forester of Maryland;
The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club;
H. M. Sears, Supervisor, Natural Bridge National Forest;
Sam R. Broadbent, Supervisor, Unaka National Forest;
Smoky Mountain Hiking Club;
M. A. Mattoon, Supervisor, Pisgah National Forest;
Clinton G. Smith, Supervisor, Cherokee National Forest.

The following Clubs and Commissions, which were represented at the meeting, requested membership in the Conference:

The Catskill Hiking Club of New York;
The Fresh Air Club of New York;
C. P. Wilder, State Forester of New Jersey;
The New Jersey High Park Commission.

The Committee on Organization further reported a list of suggested officers of the Conference, and after discussion, and some changes in the list, the following were elected to serve for the ensuing year and until others are elected and qualified, and were so declared:

Honorary President:

Major William A. Welch, General Manager
Palisades Interstate Park;

Honorary Vice-Presidents:

Major Robert Y. Stuart,
Chief of United States Forest Service;
Horace M. Albright,
Director National Park Service;

Chairman of the Board of Managers:

Arthur Perkins,
Connecticut Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club;

Secretary:

Harlean James,
905 Union Trust Building, Washington, D.C.

Treasurer:

Raymond H. Torrey,
New York Section, Green Mountain Club.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT:

Arthur C. Comey, Chairman New England Trail Conference,
Dean Peabody, Jr., President Appalachian Mountain Club,
Willis E. Ross, Secretary Green Mountain Club.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT:

Raymond H. Torrey, New York Section, Green Mountain Club,
Frank Place, Tramp and Trail Club of New York,
Frederick F. Schuetz, Executive Council, Boy Scouts of Newark, N.J.

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT:

Eugene C. Bingham, President Blue Mountain Club of Pennsylvania,
A. E. Rupp, Pennsylvania Department of Forestry,
Dr. H. F. Rentschler, Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club.

MARYLAND-VIRGINIA DISTRICT:

F. W. Besley, State Forester, Maryland,
Myron H. Avery, President Potomac Appalachian Trail Club,
Dr. H. S. Hedges, Charlottesville, Virginia.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT:

Paul M. Fink, Jonesboro, Tennessee,
Horace Kephart, Bryson City, North Carolina,
James E. Thompson, President Smoky Mountain Hiking Club.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman Board of Managers.....Arthur Perkins,
New England District Arthur C. Comey,
New York-New Jersey District Raymond H. Torrey, (Treasurer)
Pennsylvania District Eugene C. Bingham,
Maryland-Virginia District Myron H. Avery,
Southern District Paul M. Fink,
Secretary of the Conference Harlean James.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Executive Committee be authorized to add to
the number of Honorary Vice-Presidents.

Dr. Bingham brought up the question of an insignia or pin to be
worn by members of the Conference, and after discussion, it was

VOTED: That the Chair appoint a committee to consider and
report on the proposition.

The Chair appointed Dr. Bingham such a committee.

Mr. Torrey reported for the Committee on uniform trail markers
showing samples of markers of embossed sheet copper, painted white, except
on the raised letters, and also one embossed on aluminum without paint.

Mr. Perkins shows one with the same device of galvanized iron,
painted white, with the letters in black.

A discussion ensued, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That a device, described as the letters "A.T." in the form of a monogram, with the words "Appalachian Trail" above it, and the words "Maine to Georgia" below it in a circle, be adopted as the uniform marker for the Trail, but the material of which the marker is composed be left for further experiment.

The question of the location of the Trail west of Harrisburg was brought up for discussion, there being two possible routes, - one on the west side of the Cumberland Valley to Hancock, Maryland, and along the towpath of the old C. and O. canal to Harper's Ferry; and the other on the east side of the valley to Weverton, Maryland, near the same point.

After a full discussion, it was

VOTED: That the matter be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Chair, with power to determine whether there shall be one or two trails between these points, and to fix the final location thereof.

The Chair appointed on this Committee, - Messrs. Avery and Anderson of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, and Messrs. Cooper and Piper of the Pennsylvania Alpine Club.

The meeting adjourned at noon, and the delegates were entertained at lunch at the Faculty Club of Lafayette College, after which an excursion was made to the Delaware Water Gap, where the Trail will cross the Delaware River, and an inspection made of Dunfield Creek, which is suggested as a route for the Trail.

The delegates dined together at the Hotel Easton and afterward attended a public meeting of about two hundred at Pardee Hall Auditorium Lafayette College, at which an address was delivered by Raymond H. Torrey of the New York Section of the Green Mountain Club on the "Development of the Appalachian Trail between Bear Mountain Bridge and High Point, New Jersey."

Dr. John H. Finley, Honorary President of the Blue Mountain Ridge of Pennsylvania, and Editor of the New York Times, gave an interesting and inspiring address on the subject of "Walking and Kindred Topics".

ATTEST:

Acting Secretary.

of
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Appalachian Trail Conference" ~~and its headquarters shall be in Washington, D.C.~~

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote, construct and maintain a connected trail, to be called The Appalachian Trail, running as far as practicable, over the summits of the mountains and through the wild lands of the Atlantic Seaboard and adjoining states from Maine to Georgia, to be supplemented by a system of primitive camps at proper intervals, so as to render accessible, for tramping, camping and other forms of primitive travel and living, the said mountains and wild lands, and as a means for conserving and developing, within this region, the primeval environment as a natural resources.

3. LOCATION OF TRAIL.

The Trail shall be located so as to utilize, as far as possible, trails already in existence, and any club or other organization responsible for the maintenance of such trails, may make any regulations it deems necessary as to the use of cabins, huts, shelters and other equipment used in connection therewith.

The Trail shall traverse the following points and localities:

Beginning at Katahdin in Maine, over Mt. Washington in New Hampshire, crossing the Connecticut River at Hanover in said state; thence over Killington Peak in Vermont, Mt. Greylock and Mt. Everett in Massachusetts, Bear Mountain and Mohawk Mountain in Connecticut and the highlands of Dutchess and Putnam Counties in New York, crossing the Hudson River on the Bear Mountain Bridge; thence through the Palisades Interstate Park and along the Kittatinny Range in New Jersey, crossing the Delaware River at the Delaware Water Gap; thence through Pennsylvania along the Blue Ridge, crossing the Susquehanna above Harrisburg and the Potomac at Harper's Ferry; thence through the Shenandoah National Park and the Natural Bridge and the Unaka National Forests in Virginia and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee, to a terminus at Cohutta Mountain in Georgia.

4. MEMBERS.

The members of this Conference shall consist of organizations, clubs, ~~groups of persons~~ and individuals, who are interested in, and desire to take part in carrying out the purposes of this Conference, who are approved by the Executive Committee, and registered with the Secretary.

Each member shall have one vote at all meetings of the Conference.

5. DISTRICTS.

The members of the Conference shall be divided into five groups, according to their location on the Trail, as follows:

1. New England District, with headquarters at Boston;
2. New York and New Jersey District, with headquarters at New York;
3. Pennsylvania District, with headquarters at Harrisburg;
4. Maryland and Virginia District, with headquarters at Washington, D.C.
5. Southern District, to include the states of Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia, with headquarters at Knoxville, Tennessee.

The members of the Conference in any district may organize themselves under any name they may choose, for cooperation, the discussion of local problems, etc., and shall notify the Secretary of the Conference of such organization.

The organization of the New England District shall be the New England Trail Conference, already in existence.

6. BOARD OF MANAGERS.

the active officers, and
The control of the affairs of the Conference shall be vested in a Board of Managers, to be elected by the Conference at each annual meeting, and shall consist of fifteen persons, three from each of the five districts, of which five shall constitute a quorum.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Managers, the affairs of the Conference shall be under the control of an Executive Committee of the Board, to be elected by the Conference at each annual meeting, consisting of the Chairman of the Board, and one other person from each of the Districts aforementioned. Four members shall constitute a quorum, and they may vote either at a meeting, or by mail on written propositions submitted to them in the same way.

8. OFFICERS.

The officers of the Conference shall be elected at each annual meeting and shall consist of an Honorary President, an indefinite number of

Honorary Vice Presidents, a Chairman of the Board of Managers, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Board to preside at all meetings of the Conference and of the Board, to attend all meetings of the different Divisions of the Conference, to keep in personal touch, as far as possible, with all members actively engaged in the construction and maintenance of the Trail, and generally to carry out the purposes for which the Conference is organized.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to such offices.

9. MEETINGS.

at least six months in advance,
The annual meeting of the Conference shall be held at ~~Washington, D.C., between January 1st and July 1st,~~ at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee, and special meetings may be called by said Committee to be held at other times and places.

The Board of Managers shall meet immediately after all annual meetings of the Conference, and special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee.

Meetings of members in any District may be held at any time and place.

10. FINANCES.

The expenses of the Conference shall be met by voluntary contributions from members and others interested in carrying out its purposes, and no definite membership fee shall be fixed.

11. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT.

This constitution shall take effect when adopted at a meeting of the organizations, clubs, groups of persons or individuals interested in the purposes of the Conference called for that purpose, and may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the Conference, provided notice of such proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of such meeting.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1929.

Mr. George Masa,
12 Church Street,
Asheville, North Carolina.

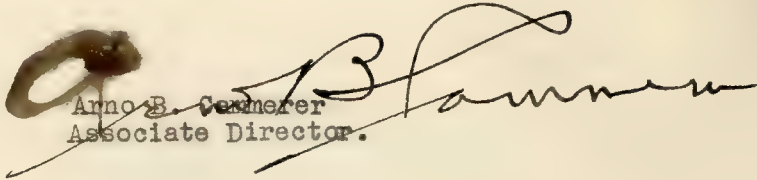
Dear Mr. Masa:

Mr. Kephart has just sent me a number of unusually fine photographs which you took within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in making them available for me very much indeed.

I hope to have the pleasure before long of dropping by your studio and seeing your enlargements and color work, in addition to the other pictures you have taken of the Smokies.

Thank you for thinking of me in such a generous, substantial manner.

Sincerely yours,


Arno B. Coe
Associate Director.

Erwin, Tennessee,
August, 28th. 1929.

Mr. Horace Kephart,
Bryson City, N. Car.

Dear Mr. Kephart :-

I am attaching herewith a photostatic copy of a portion of Guyot's Map, which relates to the Great Smokies. I found that I had received this smaller portion of the entire map, which covers the region from the Va. line to the southern terminus of the Blue Ridge, in Georgia, in my absence, and decided that this larger-scale map would be the one you would desire. Should you especially desire ~~the~~ a photostat of the entire Map, I'll have one made for you.

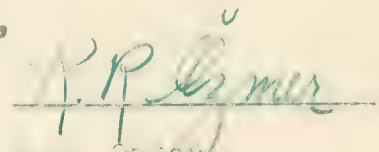
I am attaching also, a few notations on a separate sheet. These notes are merely suggestions on my part, I having not the material at hand for a real research. Perhaps they may be of some aid, however, as the map is not any too clear, because of the reproduction. The printing being quite hard to read, I have placed some materials on the reverse side, indicating some of the points in question. These numerals may be read by holding the map between you and the light.

You referred to an old map, showing the locations of certain Indian villages, while I was with you. I have forgotten the name of this map, and if it is not too great a favor to ask I would like to secure a photostat copy of it. If you can send it to me registered I will have a photostat made and return to you, via registered mail.

By the way, I have a copy of Timberlake's "Memiors" which I'd be glad to lend you should you not have seen a copy. He traveled among the Cherokees, principally in Tennessee, in the 1750's I believe it was. His accounts of the ancients is well worth-while.

Trusting that you received the copy of the Guyot MS. all O.K., I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,


J. R. G. Miller
Erwin, Tennessee.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

In accordance with Article VI of the Constitution, a copy of which is as follows:

"The text of any proposed amendment shall be mailed to each club member together with a copy of this article accompanied by any explanatory matter deemed advisable by the Council, and a ballot form for the members voting by mail, provided that upon petition of not less than twenty-five members the President shall call within twenty days after the mailing of the text and the ballot forms a special meeting for discussion of the proposed amendment. All such ballots signed by club members and received by the Secretary within thirty days after the date of their issue as above provided shall be counted by the Council, and a two-thirds majority of the ballots cast shall determine the adoption of the proposed amendment."

the following amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws are proposed:

Article II to be amended to read as follows:

"The officers of the club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Supervisor of Trails, each of whom shall be elected as provided in the By-Laws." (New matter underlined.)

Section V of the By-Laws to be eliminated, which reads as follows:

"The Treasurer, in addition to the usual duties of that office, shall be the custodian of and responsible for equipment owned by the club."

The amendment to Article II of the Constitution provides for two new offices, viz., Assistant Secretary and Supervisor of Trails. The Council believes that the creation of these two offices is necessary for a proper administration of the club's affairs. The construction and maintenance of our trails is probably the club's leading project and it seems wise to delegate to one person supervision over and responsibility for this important phase of our work.

The equipment of the club at the present time consists mainly of tools. The repairing and sharpening of the tools has turned out to be such a big task that the Council believes the Treasurer should be relieved of those duties, as provided in Section V of the By-Laws, and that the care and responsibility for the equipment of the club should be placed in the hands of a new committee to be formed for that purpose.

You are requested to send in your ballot with a cross opposite the words "Yes" or "No" as soon as possible, in order that the Council may have some indication by the time of the annual meeting, the date of which will be announced later, whether the proposed amendments meet with the approval of the membership.

THE COUNCIL

November 12, 1929.



THE BANKING & TRUST CO.

Jonesboro, Tenn.,
November 13th, 1929.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa,

Certainly I remember your writing me in the past, but I had failed to connect you with the pictures, until your letter, delayed in transit, arrived, and in the meantime I had been racking my brain trying decide just which of my mountaineering friends might have had them sent to me.

To say that I appreciate your remembering me in this way would hardly begin to state the case. They are wonderful, and have been given an honored place in the collection of scenes of the mountains I have been getting together for some years. Every one to whom I have shown them has been very enthusiastic over them.

In August of this year I was in this same section of Smoky, starting at Newfound Gap and dropping off just west of Porter's Gap, to the headwaters of Bradley Fork. One of our camps was on the Carolina side of Dry Sluice Gap, down in the burned-over area below the great ridge into Tennessee wiped bare by a cloudburst two years ago. Your pictures of this very place bring back the scene vividly.

Just after getting started into the Sawteeth cloud and heavy rain struck us, and before reaching Porter's Gap we were lost -- no new experience, however. Thinking we were dropping into the Gap we took the wrong lead, a ridge running into Carolina when we thought we were coming down into Tennessee. Fishing on the headwaters of Bradley Fork for a couple of days we were undecided which State we were in, and not until we had come down almost to Smokemont did we finally find out just where we were. Little difference did it make, for we were travelling under pack, and one place to camp was as good as another.

Are prints of these pictures for sale? If so,

V. B. COX, V. PREST.
J. M. FINK, CASHIER

JNO. D. COX, PRESIDENT

P. M. FINK, ASST. CASHIER
W. C. ALLISON, ASST. CASHIER



THE BANKING & TRUST CO.

Jonesboro, Tenn.

I'd like very much to have three copies of the panorama 0-4683-84, two prints of 0-4678 and one of 0-4696, for I know that my companions on the trip this summer will wish them to help keep the memories alive.

Check to cover immediately on receipt of bill.

From Kephart, Roy Ozmer and others I have heard many times of "Masa's pictures of Smoky", and now I know that their glowing descriptions have rather under than over described them. The first time I am in Asheville I am going to take advantage of the opportunity to drop in and take a look at the others.

Again thanking you for the pictures, and with the best of wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Paul M Fink

Paul M. Fink,
Jonesboro, Tennessee.

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November 26, 1929.

Asheville Photo Service,
12 Church St.,
Asheville, N.C.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 1929. I duly received the lettered photos (4). I have put these names on my pictures and I am returning to you your prints.

I found that my previous letter had been missent.

Would you mail me for inspection the other panorama. I think I have seen it and it was superior to the four print set. I should be much interested to have a list or see your other Smoky large scale views.

I have never seen anything to equal your Smoky pictures. You are doing a fine work.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Avery

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December 23, 1929.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
12 Church Street,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I am very pleased to have your letter of December 18th and to know of your pleasant trip with Mr. Kephart. I wondered how you had fared. I have heard quite a bit of you and your photographs from Roy Ozmer. I am looking forward to seeing your collection of Smokey pictures and I am pleased to know that you are going to let me look at what you have.

We should be only too happy to see you in the Blue Ridge. We believe that you can procure better pictures than are now available. Your Smokey pictures clearly demonstrate this. We should be very pleased to give you any information you desire with respect to the Shenandoah park and I am quite sure that some of our people could go with you to the places of scenic interest. If you want to reach the region below the park, you would find Mr. H.M. Sears, Supervisor of the Natural Bridge, National Forest, at Lynchburg, very helpful.

Mr. Arthur Perkins, who is Chairman of the Trail Conference said that Mr. Verne Rhodes also had in mind starting a Trail Club at Asheville.

Please be sure to let us know if you and Mr. Kephart come to Washington. If you are here over a week end, we could arrange to go to the Blue Ridge by automobile and spend two days there.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. Avery

M. H. AVERY,
Admiralty Attorney,
U. S. Shipping Board.

(Kephart) Masa HCMC

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

December 30th, 1929.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa,

In the rush of business incident to Christmas some things had to be left unattended to, and as a result my personal correspondence suffered. Please pardon me for not writing you sooner.

As yet I haven't heard from Mr. Kephart, but no doubt will in the near future. I shall be glad to see the two of you any day that is convenient to you. Just let me know a day or so in advance, so that I can arrange my work to be with you the most time possible. If you should happen to choose any Tuesday I'll want you to attend the luncheon of our Kiwanis Club, noon, Eastern Time. I'd like to be able to be with you when you meet Jim Thompson, but can't say now whether it will be possible or not. It might be that I could go on from here with you. We can see about that when the time comes.

I'm glad you are planning to organize a hiking club in Asheville, for undoubtedly there is a great field for it there. I realize all you say about the Carolina Mountain Club is true, for I belonged to it for a year or so after it was organized, dropping my membership when I saw that they were doing no real work toward the developing of more interest in the recreational use of the mountains.

Last month my trailmate of many years, Lieut. Diehl, who knows far more of Smoky than I, was here, and of course I showed him the pictures you so kindly sent me. He called them wonderful, saying that they showed the real spirit of the Smokies better than any other pictures he had ever seen.

Pick up "Kep" and come over any time you wish. I'm looking forward with pleasant anticipation to seeing you both.

Sincerely,

Paul M Fink